

SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PREVENTING UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A DEVICE

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A system (100) and method (200) for preventing unauthorized use of a
device (114). The system (100) includes a biometric reader (110) and an
authentication unit (112). The biometric reader (110) measures
a biometric characteristic and transmits the measured biometric characteristic
to the authentication unit (112) over a communications link (118). The device
10 (114) is embedded within a garment (116), and the authentication unit (112)
transmits an authorizing signal to the device (114) when the authentication
unit (112) biometrically identifies a user. In one arrangement, the
authentication unit (112) can include a database (134) for storing authorized
biometric samples. The authentication unit (112) can compare the measured
15 biometric characteristic with the authorized biometric samples when the
authentication unit (112) receives the measured biometric characteristic from
the biometric reader (110).